

# July Community Newsletter

Tips for Living, Laughing and Loving Your Apartment Life

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Buzz Alert

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Big Sky

## FUN APARTMENT

### 4 Things to Do with Mason Jars

The next time you empty a jar of home-canned jam, think twice before tossing the empty jar in the trash or recycle bin. After a quick dishwasher run, your mason jar will be good as new. What can you do with mason jars? Here are 4 ideas to spark your imagination:

- 1) Flower Vases - Leave the jar the way it is or decorate it before using it as a flower vase. Ideas for decorating a mason jar flower vase include wrapping it with fabric or twine, or painting it.
- 2) Candle Holders - Try lining the bottom with beads, sand, small stones, rice or dried beans to hold the candle in place. Decorate it with ribbons, paint, twine or fabric paint. Just make sure you don't use anything flammable.
- 3) Candy Dishes - Fill your mason jars to the rim with delicious, colorful candy. Leave them on your coffee table for visitors to help themselves.
- 4) Cups - Think you'll run out of cups the next time you have guests over? Guess again! By having a collection of clean mason jars on hand, you always have extra glasses.

## LIVING TIP

### 4 Ways to Keep Your Apartment Cool

Temperatures are rising and so is your electricity bill. Luckily, these 4 simple tips can help you keep your apartment cool and comfortable, while also cutting your cooling costs.

- 1) Use fans. Fans use much less electricity than an AC. If you don't have ceiling fans in your apartment, buy some inexpensive box fans to place strategically throughout your apartment.
- 2) Cover windows. Window treatments aren't just a design element. They also keep heat out, thereby shrinking your electricity bill. If you have blinds or curtains, keep'em closed.
- 3) Turn off heat generators. Running electronics all day will put out a lot of heat. Be sure to turn them off when you aren't using them, and unplug them too. If possible, avoid using the oven or stove until later in the evening, when the temperature outside has cooled.
- 4) Avoid setting the thermostat too low. It's tempting to crank the AC down to 65 after being in the hot outdoors. But this won't cool your place any faster. Plus, you might forget you set it so low, resulting in unnecessary cooling costs or causing the unit to freeze up. We recommend setting your AC between 68 and 72 and leaving it on that temperature to conserve energy.

## Important Information

### Management

Park Properties Management Co, LLC

### Community Manager

Lisa Bryant

### July

Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

### July Flower - Birthstone

Larkspur - Ruby

### July Events

Car Wash to benefit Area 5 Special Olympics



## SEASONAL RECIPE

### Watermelon Sorbet

2 cups watermelon cubed

1/2 lime, juiced

Dice watermelon and freeze. Place dice, frozen watermelon in food processor and add lime juice. Process watermelon and lime juice until you get a sorbet-like texture. You can add more juice as needed for taste.

Optional: Add sweetener of your choice; sugar, stevia, monk fruit, etc.

Serve and enjoy!

**Fun Fact:** Our 2nd & 3rd Presidents, John Adams & Thomas Jefferson, died on the same day--50 years to the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



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## MY QUESTION

### My neighbor's baby never stops crying. Is there anything I can do?

It's easy to complain about loud music or thumping on the walls, but we all know that parents have far less control over the volume of a crying child than the volume of their stereo. Still, you are entitled to peace and quiet in your own apartment.

First, as with any other noise problem, speak to your neighbors. Remember, though, that the new mom you're speaking to is probably sleep deprived and already committed to reducing that crying—don't approach her as if you think she can just flip a switch and solve the problem. If that doesn't help and the problem is serious enough, speak to your property manager.

While the situation may require more creativity and compromise than most noise problems, management can work with you and your neighbor to find a resolution that works for everyone.

## COMMUNITY TIP

### Peacefully Resolve Roommate Issues

Let's face it, all roommates run into conflicts every now and then. Here's how to resolve roommate issues so you can once again live in peace and harmony:

- 1) Schedule time to talk. Setting something up via email or text is perfect.
- 2) Meet in neutral territory. Pick a spot where you're both comfortable, like the living room. Meeting in a public place like a park or coffee shop is also an option.
- 3) Be direct. State the problem without delving into character flaws and personal attacks.
- 4) Give your roommate a chance to respond. There are two sides to every story.
- 5) Be willing to compromise. To get something, you'll probably have to give something.
- 6) Write it down. It may seem a little juvenile, but writing out and signing a roommate agreement can be hugely helpful. Post it on the fridge where you can both see it and it might resolve your next conflict before it even begins.

## Big Sky Calendar - July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Exterminations 100, 200, 300 Bldgs Rent Due	<b>2</b> Hop-a-Park Day
<b>3</b> Natl Fried Clam Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b> Natl Fried Chicken Day	<b>7</b> Natl Macaroni Day	<b>8</b> Natl Freezer Pop Day	<b>9</b> Natl Sugar Cookie Day
<b>10</b> Natl Kitten Day	<b>11</b> All American Pet Photo Day	<b>12</b> Inspections 100 Bldg	<b>13</b> Inspections 200 Bldg	<b>14</b> Inspections Partial 300 Bldg	<b>15</b> Exterminations 800-900 Bldgs	<b>16</b> Natl Corn Fritters Day
<b>17</b> Natl Lottery Day	<b>18</b> Natl Sour Candy Day	<b>19</b> Inspections 800 Bldg	<b>20</b> Natl Hot Dog Day - Hot Dog Lunch @ Big Sky	<b>21</b> Inspections Partial 900 Bldg	<b>22</b> Natl Mango Day	<b>23</b> Natl Vanilla Ice Cream Day
<b>24</b> Natl Parent's Day	<b>25</b> Natl Wine and Cheese Day	<b>26</b> Natl Bagelfest Day	<b>27</b> Nat'l Creme Brulee Day	<b>28</b> Natl Milk Chocolate Day	<b>29</b> Big Sky's Car Wash	<b>30</b> Natl Cheesecake Day
<b>31</b> Natl Avocado Day						